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## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN CITY OF RYDE

Employment is growing fast in City of Ryde. According to Census results, between 2001 and 2006 employment numbers in the Ryde LGA grew by a staggering 6,170 jobs (58,311 jobs in total). In addition to tremendous jobs growth in areas such as IT, business services and hospitality, there are also local education and training opportunities.

Meadowbank TAFE offers a wide selection of business and IT courses. Commencing Semester One 2012 they are offering a Bachelor Information Technology (Network Security) degree. This exciting new program prepares graduates for employment as a network security specialist in this fast growing and dynamic industry. Elizabeth Webb, Director of Meadowbank College commented that: "Meadowbank College IT section offers a number of courses including the degree which have been developed in close consultation with industry to ensure that the graduates will be job-ready with the skills and knowledge to help protect local business."

TAFE NSW Ryde College is an internationally renowned specialist training centre for hospitality, tourism, event management, wine, coffee, horticulture and environmental studies. It is the largest hospitality training centre in the Asia-Pacific region boasting celebrity ex- students, Adriano Zumbo, star patissier and Jamie Durie, landscape designer to the stars. Ryde College transforms individuals and businesses with award winning training from customised short courses, certificates, diplomas and a new Hotel Management degree providing skills to match almost any career path or employer training need.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Artin Etmekdjian, believes the outlook is positive: "With a steady stream of graduates from our local education providers, City of Ryde hopes to maintain a talented workforce in IT, hospitality, pharmaceutical and bio-technology industries. We know that a talented workforce is critical to remain competitive in a dynamic globalised economy."

| Industry   | Jobs in Ryde – 2011<br>(Forecast) | Jobs in Ryde 2016<br>(Forecast) | Change from<br>2011 – 2016 |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wholesale Trade                                  | 10,900                            | 11,399                          | +500 jobs                  |
| Accommodation &<br>Food Services                 | 3,222                             | 3,447                           | +225 jobs                  |
| Information, Media &<br>Telecommunications       | 5,672                             | 6,064                           | +390 jobs                  |
| Professional, Scientific<br>& Technical Services | 10,830                            | 11,773                          | +940 jobs                  |
| Education & Training                             | 6,723                             | 7,085                           | +360 jobs                  |
| Health Care & Social<br>Assistance               | 8,482                             | 9,064                           | +580 jobs                  |
| <b>TOTAL (All Industries)</b>                    | <b>77,059</b>                     | <b>80,336</b>                   | <b>+3,280</b>              |

\* Source: NSW Department of Transport & Infrastructure 2010.